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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN U.S. UNDER CORRUPTION
INVESTIGATION

¶1. Bolivian press is reporting the Viceminister Against Corruption Nardy Sucho has opened a corruption investigation against several employees of the Bolivian Embassy in Washington. Viceminister Sucho has acknowledged receiving complaints against Consul General Oswaldo Cuevas and local DC hire Victor Ustariz. The corruption allegations involve overcharging for document processing. Bolivian press reports that since the local Univision TV network Washington affiliate aired the story many more complaints have been filed.

¶2. Ambassador Gustavo Guzman told La Paz based La Razon newspaper that he has no knowledge of the complaints. Foreign Minister Choquehuanca has called for a meeting of all Ambassadors and Consuls for August 27 to review the state of the Bolivian Foreign Service, to include the corruption allegations.
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